

House Resolution No. 436

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pauses in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone attainments by Show-Me State residents who are dedicated to maintaining and improving examples of areas and regions which illustrate life in the past for the benefit of current and future generations; and

Whereas, Steve Ayers of Hannibal, Missouri, has devoted himself to restoring the commercial building located at 209-211 N. Main Street to its original appearance as a duplex structure with an impressive double-entry doorway by removing large plate glass show windows and metal signage which had been added some time after its original construction; and

Whereas, Steve Ayers used historical research and photographs from 1912 and the 1940s to lend authenticity to his reconstruction facade of the building which had been used down through the years as dry goods, women's clothing, appliance, furniture, and hardware stores; and

Whereas, on the 211 N. Main side of the building, Steve Ayers added new lighting and new subflooring to create a space for a coffee shop called "Java Jive" which features the building's original pressed-tin ceiling and which has become a center for culture, political rallies, and fund-raisers in the downtown area of Hannibal; and

Whereas, serving as a focus in the fight against disuse and degradation that can destroy an older area's atmosphere and attractions, Steve Ayers will receive a prestigious 2003 Preserve Missouri Award for outstanding achievement in the area of Commercial Rehabilitation at a special awards ceremony to be held in the State Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, February 26, 2003; and

Whereas, the renovation project by Steve Ayers was undertaken with the full support and encouragement of his loving family which consists of his beloved wife, Linn, and their wonderful children, Katy, Lindsey, and LewAnn; and

Whereas, founded in 1976 as the Missouri Heritage Trust, Missouri Preservation is a grassroots network of individuals, organizations, and commissions located throughout the state with its headquarters centrally located in Columbia, and is the only non-profit preservation organization in the state:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant labors and tremendous success embodied in the work of Steve Ayers and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as he receives a well-deserved 2003 Preserve Missouri Award for Commercial Rehabilitation from Missouri Preservation; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Steve Ayers of Hannibal, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Bringer
District No. 6

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 436, adopted

February 19, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker